

News Release

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Have A Go Days Announced Ahead of On-Call Firefighter Recruitment

Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service are excited to announce new dates for their On-Call firefighter 'Have A Go' days.

Ahead of their next round of On-Call firefighter recruitment, several 'Have A Go' days will take place over the next few weeks. The 'Have A Go' days give people an insight into what an On-Call firefighter does and the required strength, fitness and aptitude levels needed. You will also find out how rewarding a career as an On-Call firefighter is.

Rick Taylor, Chief Fire and Rescue Officer, said: "On-Call firefighters play a vital role at Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service and they help us provide the very best service to the local communities we serve.

"We hope to encourage members of our local communities to come forward, find out more about being an On-Call firefighter and ultimately apply for a role.

"This is a real opportunity for members of our local communities looking for a rewarding job where they are also giving something back to their local community."

On-Call firefighters play an important role to operational response. They carry an alerter and respond to emergency calls, where they face all kinds of challenges. It is a paid role and is dependent on your personal availability and the number of calls you respond to.

If you are interested in becoming an On-Call firefighter, 'Have A Go' days are taking place at the following locations:

- Hinckley Fire and Rescue Station, Saturday 6 April, 10:00 – 15:00 hours
- Market Harborough Fire and Rescue Station, Saturday 13 April, 10:00 – 15:00 hours
- Uppingham School Sports Centre (LE15 9SE), Sunday 14 April, 10:00 – 15:00hours

- Wigston Fire and Rescue Station, Sunday 28 April, 10:00 – 15:00 hours

To attend one of the above events, visit leics-fire.gov.uk/on-call to book your place.

If you are unable to attend the 'Have A Go' days, get in touch with your local On-Call fire and rescue station. You may be able to attend their weekly drill night, where you will find out more about the role and meet your potential future colleagues.

Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service will be recruiting On-Call firefighters at a number of On-Call stations across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland during May 2019.

The recruitment website will open for applications for their On-Call Firefighter roles on Wednesday 1 May, and will close on Wednesday 29 May.

There are a number of essential requirements you will need to meet in order to be considered for an On-Call firefighter role. These can be found by visiting leics-fire.gov.uk/on-call .

(Please note that On-Call firefighters must live and/or work within a set travel time from their fire and rescue station. This can be discussed and agreed with the relevant managers for each fire and rescue station).

For more information on our On-Call recruitment campaign, visit our website leics-fire.gov.uk/on-call or email oncallinfo@lfrs.org .

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Notes to Editors:

Interviews can be arranged through prior arrangement with Corporate Communications on the details below.

About the Service

Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service provides emergency response, prevention and protection services from 20 stations across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. Its headquarters is based in Birstall, Leicester.

The Service's prevention, education, enforcement and inspection programmes have resulted in significant reductions in the number of incidents. In the last ten years, fire-related incidents have reduced by 43 percent.

During 2016/17, the Service attended 694 road traffic collisions, of which 148 were extrications from vehicles, in addition to 2,259 fires. 272 schools were visited as part of the Service's schools programme, delivering fire and road safety education to pupils. Staff organised or took part in 1,613 community safety events, promoting fire and road safety and arson prevention, and 145 Virtual Fatal Four (VF4) events as part of the Service's young drivers' road safety project.

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